

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 11-17 and 19-23 remain in connection with the present application. Claims 1, 11 and 13 are now the sole remaining independent claims, with claim 1 being amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 10 and intervening claims; and with claims 11 and 13 being rewritten into independent form, including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, it is believed that each of independent claims 1, 11 and 13 are now in allowable form.

Allowable Subject Matter

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 10, 23, 11 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. By the present Amendment, as indicated, each of claims independent claims 11 and 13 have been amended to place them in allowable and independent form; and the subject matter of claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 1, along with the subject matter of the intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 is also believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. With each of claims 1, 11 and 13 being allowable, withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and allowance of each of the claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 6, 10 and 23. With regard to claim 6, the subject matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 6 to provide further support for the limitation of the “half bridge”. Such an amendment should overcome the Examiner’s objection and thus withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 10, claim 10 has been cancelled and its subject matter has been incorporated into claim 1, wherein claim 1 now refers to a capacitor array and “at least one of the capacitors”. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Finally, with regard to claim 23, it is believed that the objection to claim 23 is improper. Claim 23 is dependent upon claim 1 (previously dependent upon claim 10, noting the subject matter of claim 10 has now been incorporated into claim 1). Claim

1 refers to “at least 1/3 of no-load voltage”. Claim 23 refers to “1/2 of a no-load voltage”. As the limitation of 1/2 falls within the broad limitation of “at least 1/3”, it is believed that claim 23 merely sets forth a properly narrowed version of independent claim 1 and thus is a proper dependent claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Prior Art Rejections

Applicants respectfully submit that the various prior art rejections have been rendered moot in view of the amending of independent claims 1, 11 and 13 into allowable independent form. Accordingly, withdrawal of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

Amendment After Final

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment After Final in that it raises no new issues requiring any consideration and/or search. The amendments to the claims merely place the claims in allowable form as indicated by the Examiner, and/or overcome the objections raised by the Examiner. Additional amendments have been made to the claims to ensure that the claims are properly dependent upon an allowable and a non-cancelled claim. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

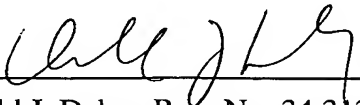
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$120.00 is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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